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## MINING IN NEVADA SHOWS PROSPERITY

## Five Tonopah Companies Among Ten Best Dividend Payers in State

The United States geological survey reports the value of the 1915 output of gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc from Nevada mines as approximately \$34,566,000. This represents an increase of nearly 18 per cent over the output of 1914, when metals valued at \$29,300,842 were produced. These estimates by V. C. Hakes of the Salt Lake City office of the survey, indicate a marked increase in zinc output, and increase in lead and copper yield, as compared with 1911. The copper production however was below that of 1913, when Nevada had a record output of over 90,000,000 pounds. There was a slight increase in the gold production, but a decrease in silver largely in the Tonopah district, where the output was affected by the decreased price of silver.

The production of gold was valued at about \$11,968,000, an increase of 4 per cent over the production of 1914. The greater part of the gold came from siliceous ores milled, and about 20 per cent of the total came from Tonopah. The Goldfield Consolidated treated over 386,000 tons of ore, but produced somewhat less gold than in 1914. Other mines in the district, however, went to make up this deficiency for important tonnages came from the Jumbo Extension, which was shipping about 1500 tons per month the early part of the year and subsequently nearly doubled this output. The Atlanta and Florence Goldfield also shipped considerable gold ore. Goldfield district produced approximately 46 per cent of the total gold of the state. The Nevada Wonder and Nevada Hills properties in Churchill county contributed, though less than in 1914. The output from Round Mountain in Nye county was also somewhat less, due to the installation of a pipe line for placer operations. There was a great increase, however, in the Seven Troughs district, where the Seven Troughs Coalition has added considerably to the gold production. The National mine in Humboldt county increased its output, but nothing was published concerning the property. Though the plant of the Aurora mine was closed part of the year for alterations to the mill, the bullion shipments were far in advance of those in 1914. The Pittsburg Silver Peak company at Blair, Nevada, was treating nearly 4000 tons of ore per month, and the mines at Rochester produced shipping ore and bullion which contained some gold, though principally silver. The output of gold from the Tonopah district decreased from 128,137.32 ounces in 1914 to about 112,000 ounces in 1915, giving a production of over \$2,335,000 in gold, though the district is primarily a silver camp. In Clark county at the Quartette property ore was treated at the Cyrus Noble mill as formerly, and a new cyanide plant was reported operating at the Colorado Nevada mine. In Elko county, the Bluster mill at Jarbidge and the Rex mill at Gold Circle were active. There was much activity at the new camp of Willard, 9 miles northeast of Lovelock. Various lessees were shipping gold ore. In the Manhattan district of Nye county, the Big Pine mine was the principal producer, the mill of which was treating 150 tons per day by amalgamation the latter part of the year. Four other mills were operated to smaller extent in the district, the Whitman & Kane, Manhattan Milling & Ore company, the Associated mill, and the War Eagle mill.

The silver production from Nevada mines decreased from 15,455,491 ounces in 1914 to about 14,478,000 ounces in 1915. The decrease was at Tonopah, where the mines were affected by the low price of silver. At the Comstock district of Storey county, the production was also decreased and the idleness of the Mason valley copper smelter to a small extent lessened the silver output. The greatest silver producers in the state were the Tonopah Belmont, Tonopah Mining company, Tonopah Extension, Jim Butler, and West End at Tonopah, Nevada Wonder and Nevada Hills in Churchill county, and the Rochester district in Humboldt county. The mines in the last named district were active, but particularly so after the advent of the Nevada Short Line railroad. The 100-ton cyanide custom mill was operated, producing gold and silver bullion, and a small mill was active on the Lincoln Hill property. There was considerable activity in the Rand district of Mineral county, where unusually rich ore was shipped from the Last Hope, Gold Pen, Queen Regent, and Eagle properties. In the old camp of Belmont in Nye county, a 200-ton mill using flotation was being constructed to treat dump ore containing silver.

The mine production of copper increased from 60,986,450 pounds in 1914 to about 67,480,000 pounds in 1915, an increase of 10.6 per cent. The total value of the output, on account of the high average price in 1915 increased from \$8,111,158 to approximately \$11,708,000. As the Mason Valley smelter was idle during the year, the greater part of the output came from White Pine county, where the Nevada Consolidated was particularly active toward the end of the year on account of the price of copper, which increased to over 20 cents a pound. During the first three-quarters of the year 2,251,367 tons of ore were milled from this property and over 44,000,000 pounds of copper produced. The rate for the last quarter was greatly increased. Ore from the Groux was also milled and smelted at the Nevada Consolidated plant. Copper ore was also shipped from the Goldfield district. Ore was shipped from the Nevada Douglas the latter part of the year, and a 250-ton leaching plant completed for the treatment of low grade ore.

The lead production of Nevada mines increased from 12,869,655 pounds in 1914 to about 14,782,000 pounds in 1915, an increase of over 15 per cent. This output, however, is not as great as that of 1913, when over 16,000,000 pounds were produced. There was great activity in the Yellow Pine district of Clark county, where lead-zinc ore is separated into lead and zinc products. Several dry concentrating mills were added during the year. A large portion of the output came from Lincoln county, where the Prince Consolidation was reported shipping at the rate of 12,000 tons per month in October.

A great increase, nearly 62 per cent, was made in the mine output of zinc in Nevada from 12,980,232 pounds of recoverable spelter in 1914 to over 21,000,000 pounds of the metal in 1915. As the price of the metal was abnormally high in 1915, the value of the output increased from \$661,992 to about \$2,993,900 in 1915. The Yellow Pine district of Clark county was by far the largest producer, but the Amalgamated Pioche property in Lincoln county made important shipments, and the Polar Star property and Arthur zinc mine, both in Elko county, contributed. Small shipments of zinc ore were also made from Ely in White Pine county and from Mineral in Eureka county. The latter part of the year the Yellow Pine mine had increased its shipments to the rate of 1500 tons per month, the Potasi property to about 500 tons per month, and there was great activity in the other zinc properties in the district. The Green Monster was an important shipper at the close of the year.

The main dividend payers of the state were Nevada Consolidated, Goldfield Consolidated, Tonopah Mining, Tonopah Belmont, Tonopah Extension, Jumbo Extension, Jim Butler, Nevada Wonder, Seven Troughs Coalition and West End. To December 1, 1915, the total in dividends was over \$6,000,000.

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## SPARKS MAN IS AT FRENCH FRONT

F. S. Bryant of Sparks, Nevada, who was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford, is among 100 American volunteers serving as ambulance drivers on the front in France, according to information that has been received from Paris. He will serve over the Christmas holidays, carrying gift packages to the soldiers. Bryant is a railroad engineer and has been two years at Oxford.

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